
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 6, 2012

2012 Fall Season Treaty Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Season:	6:00 AM Tuesday September 11 to 6:00 PM Friday September 14 (3.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6 (SMCRA 1F,1G,1H)
Gear:	Gill nets. 8 inch minimum mesh size.
Sanctuaries	Standard River mouth and dam sanctuaries for gillnet gear will be in place including the Standard Spring Creek Sanctuary
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sockeye may not be retained for any purpose. Sturgeon from the Bonneville Pool (38 to 54 inches fork length) and from The Dalles and John Day Pools (43 to 54 inches fork length) may be retained for subsistence purposes.
Additional Rules:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240 (d) (iii) When quick reporting is required, Columbia River reports must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the designated fishery. Submission of a report is not complete until the report arrives at the designated department location. Reports can be made via fax at 360-906-6776 or 360-906-6777; via e-mail at crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov ; or via phone at 1-866-791-1281. (e) Faxing a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the reporting requirement. (f) Violation of this subsection is a gross misdemeanor, punishable under RCW 77.15.630.

- In addition, the Compact removed the 5-inch minimum mesh size requirement for hoop nets adopted at the July 26 hearing; the rules revert to permanent regulations effective immediately.

Future Hearings

- A Compact hearing is scheduled via teleconference for 3:00 p.m. Thursday September 13 to review treaty and non-treaty fisheries.